SUBJECT No. 89.

Supari cess on maidan gardens.

Mr. Anantharajappa, Tumkur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The levy of *supari* cess on maidan gardens does not appear to be in any way advantageous. It only serves in malnad tracts. It is requested that the maidan gardens may be exempted from the payment of this cess.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done. There are no grounds to revise existing orders on the subject.

SUBJECT No. 90.

Sale of lands for arrears of land revenue.

Messrs. Chikka Guruva Reddy and Veerappa Reddy, Bangalore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When the land tax of a survey number remains unpaid by the *anubhavadar* (*i.e.*, the person in enjoyment of the land), all the lands of the *khatedar*, who is a different person, are sold. Only the survey numbers on which the assessment is in arrears should be ordered to be sold. For this purpose, in case of payment of the tax by any person different from the *khatedar*, the survey number in respect of which the payment is made should be ordered to be specified in the receipt for payment.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 91.

Cancellation of the sale of lands for arrears of revenue.

(*a*) Mr. Ramaswamiengar, Hassan taluk.
(*b*) Messrs. Kodandaramasetti and Chennabasaviah, Tumkur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Whenever sales of lands for arrears of revenue are cancelled on appeal, the officers cancelling the sale may be authorised to refund by means of cheques in favour of the sale purchasers, the sale amount paid by them together with any compensation ordered to be paid to them.

(*b*) When a sale of lands held for the recovery of arrears of land revenue is cancelled in appeal after the purchaser has been put in possession, the purchaser who has to give up the land is put to much loss. This may be kindly remedied.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 92.

Lantana Extirpation Act.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is not known what action has been taken, after the introduction of the rules for removing lantana in the Kadur, Mysore and Hassan districts.

(1) Removal of lantana on occupied lands should be made compulsory.

(2) Planting of lantana hedges should not be allowed.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 93.

Cash inams.

Mr. H. Basavegowda, Manjarabad taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Persons in the malnad receiving cash inams, are required to go to the taluk treasury to receive payment. As this causes inconvenience, it is prayed that the cash inam amounts due to such

persons may be remitted by postal money order, deducting the money order commission.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

FORESTS.

(Nos. 94 to 100.)

SUBJECT No. 94.

Reservation of forests in the malnad.

Messrs. N. Subba Rao and Mylarappa, Nagar taluk; Tammayyabhatta and Agumbe Rama Rao, Tirthahalli taluk; K. Shankarnarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha and Nadig Bhaskar Rao, Shimoga District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Lands for various communal purposes were originally set apart in the malnad after a careful consideration of the local requirements. All communal lands, whether gomal or *soppinabetta* or district forests, and even occupied *kans*, are being indiscriminately reserved at present by the Forest Department. No benefits are derived by the public from the coupes formed by the Forest Department. The decisions of the Forest Settlement Officer have not been very favourable to the malnad raiyats. It is therefore suggested that the forest policy of Government in this respect may be kindly reconsidered, and the forests in the malnad allowed to continue to remain as District forests.

NOTE.—G. O. No. R. 1703-5—Ft. 119-11-2, dated 24th September 1912, explaining that there are no grounds for presuming excessive reservation, was read out to members.

SUBJECT No. 95.

Rules regarding the grant of lands containing sandal trees.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao and B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Applicants have to pay the price of sandal trees standing on the lands for which applications are made. In the malnad, this rule works as a great hardship to the raiyats, and the Government loses its revenue. The rule may be done away with, at least in the malnad districts. In the Kadur district, *darkhasts*, in which the upset price demanded amounted to so much as Rs. 400 in a single case, had to be rejected as the applicants could not pay the amount.

Reply of Government.—The subject is under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 96.

Bonus on sandal trees.

Messrs. Revana Siddiah and Halappa; Honnali taluk, Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur taluk; Srinivasa Deekshit, Shikarpur municipality; K. Shankarnarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha; P. Venkappiah, Shimoga municipality and Syed Rahim Sab, Heggaddevankote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present value of the bonus on sandal trees on assessed waste lands is recovered when such lands are granted for cultivation. There is no provision for the return of this amount when this land is relinquished by the occupant. A fresh applicant has to pay the present value of the bonus on the same sandal trees again, so that Government would be getting several times the value of such trees from successive applicants for the same land. Besides this on account of the high